

Common Council adopted a resolution stating that the City of Hudson “does not support” the casino.¹⁷⁴ The resolution, which was sent to IGMS, stated:

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Minneapolis, Minnesota has recommended to the Secretary of the Interior in Washington, D.C. the approval of casino gambling at the St. Croix Meadows racetrack site; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tommy Thompson has indicated that he will not support any expansion of gambling unless it is supported by the elected officials of the local communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hudson, Wisconsin does not support casino gambling at the St. Croix Meadows site.

The following day, Feb. 7, Mayor Jack Breault, who had replaced Redner, forwarded a copy of the resolution to Gov. Thompson, Secretary Babbitt, Assistant Secretary Deer, Sen. John McCain, State Sen. Alice Clausing and Wisconsin State Reps. Alvin Baldus, Sheila Harsdorf, Robert Dueholm. Melanie Beller responded on Babbitt’s behalf on Feb. 27.

On Feb. 9, Bieraugel wrote to Secretary Babbitt enclosing a copy of the Hudson resolution. She also wrote to Duffy, attaching a copy of the resolution and advising him of her meeting with Secretary Babbitt the previous fall in Eau Claire.

On April 28, two days prior to the deadline for comments, Mayor Breault called a meeting of the Hudson Common Council to discuss a letter proposed by council member Peter

¹⁷⁴Track owner Fred Havenick, Red Cliff Vice-Chairman George Newago and Four Feathers attorney Robert Mudge all spoke in opposition to the resolution, stating that the government services agreement had been negotiated fairly and well-received. Havenick warned the Council that adoption of the resolution could lead to a breach of contract suit based on the government services agreement if Interior were to deny the application. After the Department denied the application, a suit against the City of Hudson eventually was filed.